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FALLING OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Handloom Industry is on the verge of destruction due to Government policies during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of weavers who have committed suicide during each of the last three years; State/Union Territory wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): No, Sir. The estimated cloth production in handloom sector in the year 2005-06 was 6108 million sq. mtrs as compared to 5722 million sq. mtrs in 2004-05 and 5493 million sq. mtrs in 2003-04 which shows an annual increase of 6.75% in the year 2005-06 and 4.17% in the year 2004-05.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The information has been called from all States/Union Territories. Only the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have reported suicides by handloom weavers during the last three years, year wise details of which are as under:-

State	2004	2005	2006
Andhra Pradesh	32	32	27
Karnataka	0	0	1